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1. COMMENTING APRIL 22 ON CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS TO INDICATIONS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MIGHT FORCE BRITISH AIRWAYS TO BUY BAC LLL'S INSTEAD OF BOEING 737'S, THE LONDON TIMES REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES VANIK (D-OHIO) HAS SAID THAT "IF THE BRITISH GO ON A BUY-BRITISH PLAN, THEN WE WOULD GO ON A BUY-AMERICAN ROUTE."

2. NOTING THAT VANIK, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, APPEARS AS A MODERATE IN COMPARISON WITH SOME "BUY AMERICAN" PROPONENTS IN THE HOUSE, THE REPORT SUGGESTS THAT VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN ARE CONSIDERING A VARIETY OF SPECIFIC REACTIONS TO SUCH A BRITISH MOVE, INCLUDING
A) MUCH MORE INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF DEALS LIKE THE RECENT EASTERN AIRLINES PURCHASE OF AIRBUSES;
B) ADDITION OF A "BUY AMERICAN" CLAUSE TO LEGISLATION PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP AIRLINES MEET
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U.S. NOISE REGULATIONS, OR EVEN ABANDONMENT OF THE LEGISLATION; AND C) PERHAPS EVEN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE ADMINISTRATION TO ADOPT A MUCH TOUGHER LINE ON TRADE ISSUES GENERALLY.

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